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foreign Court, should not exceed nine thousand dollars per annum, and that, notwithstanding this restriction, Mr. Jefferson retained, in addition to his Salary, and on the score of personal expenses, a sum considerably exceeding five hundred and ten dollars. I do not mention this as a mistake committed by Mr. Jefferson, I should scorn to justify a known error, even under the authority of his example.

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

Appointed to examine and report whether Monies drawn from the Treasury, have been faithfully applied to the objects for which they were appropriated, and whether the same have been regularly accounted for; and to report likewise whether any further arrangements are necessary to promote economy, enforce adherence to legislative restrictions, and secure the accountability of persons entrusted with public money. April 29, 1802, Read and ordered to lie on the table. (Duane Printer)

The law establishing the permanent and temporary seat of government (passed on the 16th of June, in the year seventeen hundred and ninety) provided "that all offices attached to the seat of government should be removed to this district on the first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred, by their respective holders," and declared that the necessary expenses of such removal should be defrayed out of the duties on imports and tonnage. This appropriation is indefinite in its nature, and perhaps some contrariety of opinion may exist as to the extent of the expense it was intended to cover; but the Committee conceive that a strict adher-

ence to the letter of the law, would confine the appropriation to the expenses actually incurred in removing the books, papers, records and furniture of the respective offices. From the document (marked G) hereto annexed, it appears that the sum of 15,293 dollars and 23 cents were paid for the transportation of the books, papers, records and furniture of the several offices, and the furniture of the President; and the sum of 32,872 dollars and 34 cents for expenses incurred by the officers and clerks for the removal of themselves and families. In general the vouchers produced in support of these last mentioned expenses, are the stated accounts and the declarations of the officers and clerks, to whom the same were allowed. Transcripts of the accounts of the officers only are annexed, those of the clerks being too numerous to be detailed. From these accounts (which are marked g 1, to g 12, inclusive) it will be seen that the charges consist of travelling expenses, losses on the sale of articles thought too inconvenient to remove, packing, breakage, and transportation of furniture, house-rent in Philadelphia, and *extra* expenses after their arrival at the city of Washington. As all the officers and clerks were, at the time, in the service and pay of the government, and received the full amount of their salaries, exclusively of these extraordinary allowances, and as the act of June 1790, provided only for defraying the expenses incident to the removal of the offices, the Committee are of opinion that this sum of 32,872 dollars and thirty-four cents was drawn from the Treasury and expended without any legal authority.

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An account of Payments made at the Treasury for the removal of the Officers and Clerks of the several Executive Departments to the seat of Government; also the expenses attending the removal of papers, books &c.

Department of State.		No. of Acc't.	Dolls.	Cts.
Jacob Wagner, principal clerk,	\$224.46			
William Crawford, Clerk	351.40			
Hazen Kimball, do.	50.00			
Stephen Pleasanton, do	109.57			
Christopher S. Thom do	175.00			
John C. Miller do	250.00			
John Maul, Messenger,	65.00	1	1225.	43
For packing boxes and trunks purchased by Mr. Wagner, and the cartage of office fur- niture from Lears Wharf to the office in Washington				
		2	221.	61
			1447.	04
Treasury Department				
<i>Secretary's Office</i>				
Oliver Wolcott, Secy. of Treasury	510.84	3		
Edward Jones, principal clerk,	489.50			
Basil Wood, Clerk,	379.34			
Robert Jones Heath do	340.			
David Shute, do	235.			
Jeremiah Harwood, do	30.			
Daniel Sheldon, do	42.75			
William Esenbeck, Messenger,	100.	4		
	2127.43			
<i>Comptrollers Office.</i>				
John Steele, Comptroller,	254.30			
David Rawn, Principal Clerk,	380.			
Nathan Lufborough, Clerk	426.96			
Andrew Ross, do	450.			
John Laub do	150.			
William Felch do	150.			
John Banks do	450.			
William Dupuy do	150.			
John Woodside do	91.25			
John Ross, do	150.			
	2652.51			

Treasury Department (Continued).		No. of Acc't.	Dolls.	Cts.
Comptrollers Office.				
Brought on	2652.51			
Gervas Hall, Clerk	150.			
Joseph Chambers, do	150.			
John Malcolm, do	150.			
Henry Chambers, do	150.			
Hezekiah Rogers, do	185.			
John Borrows, Messenger,	66.52	5		
John Woodside, (advanced him and held accountable)	300.		3804.	03
Treasurers Office.				
Samuel Meredith, Treasurer	516.54	6		
William Doughty, Prinl Clerk	440.			
James Paxton,	302.			
Samuel Brook	164.	7	1422.	54
Auditors Office.				
Richard Harrison, Auditor	373.95			
Patrick Ferrall, Principal clerk	33.25			
Robert Underwood, clerk	341.85			
James Burnside, do	180.			
John Gibson, do	260.			
Benjamin Mifflin do	167.25			
Robert Gillespie do	325.50			
William P. Gardner do	175.			
William Heyl do	100.			
Joseph Taylor do	100.			
Silvester Woodward do	100.			
Albright Fogle, Messenger	120	8	2276.	80
	2276.80			
Commissioner of the Revenue's Office.				
William Miller, Commissioner (no charge)				
Doyle Sweeny, Principal Clerk	245.			
Samuel Eakin, Clerk	90.			
Joseph Thaw, do	100.			
Michael Gitts, Messenger	135.	9		
	570.			
Expenses attending the removal of his Office from Philadelphia to Washington..	200.48	10	770.	48

Treasury Department (Continued).		No of	Dolls. Cts.
<i>Registers Office.</i>		Acc't.	
Joseph Nourse, Register	799.69		
Joshua Dawson Clerk,	453.23		
Joshua Stretch, do	384.25		
Charles Tompkins, do	486.		
Michael Nourse, do	220.		
Richard Freeman do	64.		
William James, do	220.		
John McGowan, do	281.50		
William Lytton, do	433.11		
Henry Kramer, do	100.		
William Mackey do	300.		
John B. Rittenhouse do	100.		
John Burchan do	282.		
William Story, do	237.64		
James Stuart do	150.		
Thomas Waterman do	429.		
Thomas L. Griffin do	75.		
Charles DeKrafft do	248.		
George Mitchell do	68.98		
Solomon Stenger, Messenger,	76.38	11	
John Little, Clerk,	445.		
Thomas Waterman, additional,	87.77	12	
William James, do	210.50	13	
	6157.05		6157.05
Disbursements by the Register incidental to the removal of the Treasury Department from Philadelphia to the City of Wash- ington	2333.58	14	
Department of War.			
Samuel Dexter, Sec. of War, (no charge)	50.		
John Newman, Principal clerk,	28.50		
Samuel Lewis, Jr., do	150.		
John Goulding, do	36.		
Nathan Jones, do	121.53	15	
William Markwood, Messenger,	386.03		
Disbursements by Mr. Newman incident to the removal of the War Office from Phila- delphia to the City of Washington.....	32.71	16	

Department of War (Continued).		No. of Acc't.	Dolls. Cts.
Accountant of the War Department.			
William Simmons, Acc't.	717.		
Peter Hagner, Principal Clerk,	558.56		
Robert Ellis, clerk,	391.43		
John Brown, do	430.		
Jeremiah Condry, do	450.		
John Abbot, do	390.		
John T. Watson, do	100.		
Jonathan Halsted, do	360.		
James Eakin, do	100.		
Benjamin Betterton, do	370.58		
James Hodnett, do	230.		
Charles Steele, Messenger,	105.	17	
	4202.57		
Navy Department.			
Benjamin Stoddert, Secretary of the Navy,	439.81		
Abishai Thomas, Principal Clerk,	57.30		
Charles W. Goldsborough, Clerk,	76.		
Jeremiah Nicols, do	53.50		
George Sutherland, Messenger,	103.03	18	
	729.64		
Accountant of the Navy's Office.			
Thomas Turner, Accountant,	124.51		
Thos. H. Gilliss, Clerk,	178.50		
George McDaniel, do	21.61		
Joseph Mechlin, do	235.09		
Alexander Bailey, do	59.89		
Mark Stockwell, do	35.		
William Exley, do	56.		
John Craven, do	147.90		
Thomas Sotherland, Messenger,	23.20		
	881.70	19	
Abishai Thomas, additional	250.	20	1131.79
Secretary of the Senate's Office.			
Samuel A. Otis, Secretary,	849.31		
Robert Heysham, Principal Clerk,	345.		
John Dempsie, Clerk,	352.		
James Mathers, Doorkeeper to the Senate for removing office papers,	136.19	21	1682.50
Ditto. for removing his family,	340.	22	340.
James Mathers, Jr., Asst. Doorkeeper	131.19	23	131.19

Navy Department (Continued).		No. of Acc't.	Dolls. Cts.
Clerk of the House of Representatives			
Jonathan W. Condry, Clerk H. Reps.	100.		
John H. Oswald, principal clerk,	141.96		
Josias W. King, clerk,	390.		
Samuel Anderson, do	87.76		
	719.72		
Disbursements of Mr. Condry incidental to the removal of his office,	138.20		
	857.92	24	857.92
Joseph Wheaton, Sergeant at Arms,	45.35	25	
Thomas Claxton, Doorkeeper,	166.25	26	
Thomas Dunn, Asst. Doorkeeper,	121.	27	
	332.60		332.60
General Post Office.			
Joseph Habersham, Postmaster Genl.	300.		
Abraham Bradley, Asst. do	373.75		
Tunis Q. Craven, Clerk,	150.		
Robert Howe, Chief Clerk,	150.		
David Shoemaker, Clerk,	300.		
Phineas Bradley, ditto.	300.		
William Wright, ditto.	112.50		
Toppam Webster, ditto.	112.50		
Joseph Borrowes, Messenger,	150.		
	1948.75		
Removal of papers and furniture	419.73	28	2368.48
Attorney General			
Charles Lee, Attorney General.		29	338.05
General Expenses.			
Amount of Disbursements.			
by Israel Whelan, agent for the removal of the Public Departments: from the 5th June, 1800, to the 9th February, 1801, for the waggon and charter hire of vessels employed in the transportation of the Presidents furniture, and the records and furniture of the public offices, from Phila- delphia to the City of Washington, in- cluding various payments for carpenters work, portorage and insurance, with his commission of 2½ per cent.....		30	15293.23 48165.57

<i>Treasury Department.</i>		No. of Acc't.	Dolls.	Cts.
Registers Office, 29th March, 1802.				
Joseph Nourse, Register.				
Total amount of monies paid on account of the removal in the year 1800....Amount of Warrants per ledger, folio 71.....			72682.	68
Ditto in 1801, per do. folio 61.....			6320.	27
			79002.	95
Deduct repayment,.....			78.	
			78924.	95
Deduct for President of the United States..		11759.	38	
Congress		9000.		
Foot ways in Washington.....		10000.		
As above			30759.	3
			48165.	57

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Account of expenses incurred by Oliver Wolcott, in consequence of the removal of the Government, from Philadelphia to the City of Washington.

For chests and cases and expenses of packing furniture	152.45
Porterage and other small expenses,	31.97
House rent in Philadelphia.....	66.66
Freight of baggage and furniture	43.92
Loss on the sale of sundry articles of furniture (at least).....	50.
Extra expenses at Philadelphia, and in travelling, and at the City of Washington.....	165.84
Dollars	510.84

December 29th 1800.

I authorize Edward Jones, Esq., to receive payment of the above account, (after settled) for my use.

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

N. B. Part of my furniture remains at Philadelphia, the storage and removal of which will occasion further expense, which in my opinion ought to be borne by the United States, and will accordingly be claimed by me when the amount of said expense is ascertained.

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

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The voucher, being the personal account of Mr. Stoddert, has been misplaced on the files of the treasury and cannot be found in time to be exhibited, or the particulars forming the aggregate amount of Dollars, 439.81 as stated in the abstract.

JOSEPH NOURSE, Register.

23rd April 1802.

(g 3)		
<i>The United States</i>		
to Joseph Habersham,		
Postmaster General.		Dr.
To expense of removing myself and family, consisting of five persons, from Philadelphia to Washington City, viz:		
To cost of packages and cases of furniture, packing and portorage in Philadelphia.....		58.92
To insurance—not insured		
To freight, not paid, being sent in vessel with post office goods		
To stage hire		46.
To expenses on road		36.
To expenses at Tavern and boarding house in Philadelphia and Washington beyond ordinary expenses.		65.
To actual damages and loss of furniture and storeage at Georgetown, supposed.....		94.08
		390.00
General Post Office,		
Washington City, Oct. 15, 1800.		
JOSEPH HABERSHAM, P. M. G.		
(g 4)		
Dr. <i>United States</i>		
To Charles Lee.		
To expenses in removing my family and furniture to the District of Columbia, amounting to the sum of \$338.05 Cents, as specified below, viz:—		
1799		
May 25, Packing of furniture		40.
Cartage and drayage		8.50
June 6, Freight paid Capt. Ellwood,		157.
Drayage in Columbia,.....		3.93
1800		
June 15, Freight to Capt. Hand.....		17.
Package and drayage of sundries		7.82
Freight to Capt. Ellwood		2.
Expenses in removing my family from Philadelphia to Columbia, being eight persons in number, in 1799,.....		101.80
Errors excepted,		338.05
CHARLES LEE.		

(g 5)		
<i>United States</i>		
<i>To Samuel Meredith Dr.</i>		
For amount of expenses incurred by removing his family from Philadelphia to the City of Washington,		
To hay &c, and packing furniture.....		14.
Expenses on the road from Philadelphia		110.
Expenses in bringing Mrs. Meredith and remainder of my family from Philadelphia, who had been unavoidably detained there (going there included).		148.
Dead rent of house in Philadelphia 2 months		105.54
Loss sustained in china, furniture, &c		100.
Paid for cleaning, whitewashing and sundry repairs done to the house necessary for the accommodation of my family		20.
Unpacking furniture, &c, &c.....		10.
		516.54
December 1800.		
SAMUEL MEREDITH		
<i>Treasurer of the</i>		
<i>United States.</i>		
(g 6)		
John Steele's Account of		
Extra Expenses.		
1800		
May 24th Samuel Salter and others	1	55.75
29th Insurance Co. of Penna.	2	21.
June 16th Thomas Lorrain & Son.....	3	27.45
25th John Hall and others.....	4	15.10
July 16th Thomas Lorrain & Son and others.....	5	25.
Travelling expenses as far on my journey as Potomac, in which are included sundry small sums expended previous to my departure from Philadelphia, too inconsiderable to be vouched or placed under any other head		110.
		\$254.30
Note. I received from the Bank on the above account an advance of \$300.—the balance of which I am now ready to return, and considering that I did not remove my family to Washington, but to Carolina, it is my particular desire that the Auditor will be so good as to consult the Secretary of the Treasury		

as to the effect which that circumstance should produce. If both or either of them should be of opinion that I am precluded by it from any allowance whatever, I will most cheerfully acquiesce, and return immediately to the bank the whole sum received.

JOHN STEELE.

The above account is in my opinion stated on proper principle.

OLIVER WOLCOTT.

Note. The difference between three hundred dollars received by Mr. Steele, and two hundred and fifty four dollars, thirty cents, as above stated was returned.

JOSEPH NOURSE,
Register.

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The United States

To Richard Harrison Dr.

For amount of the following expenses incurred by him in removing his family and furniture from Philadelphia to the District of Columbia, viz:—

Cases, cords &c including packing and portorage at Philadelphia	69.97
Wharfage and portorage of furniture at Georgetown,	6.
Unpacking, repairing and fixing furniture at do.....	24.05
Expenses of myself and servant from Philadelphia to Georgetown in the public stage	37.62
Do of Mrs. Harrison and three servants to do, in private carriage	43.25
Dead rent paid in Georgetown, previous to the 11th June when I gave up my house in Philadelphia....	93.06
Loss and damage of furniture—this cannot be ascertained with precision; but as a variety of articles of value are known to be actually lost or broken, others injured and some, to avoid the expense of packing and freight, were left behind or sold much below their cost: I estimate this item under the true amount, in fixing it at.....	100.
	<hr/> 373.95

October 3rd, 1800.

R. HARRISON.

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<i>The United States</i>	
<i>To Joseph Nourse, Register of the Treasury</i>	
<i>Dr.</i>	
For his expenses in consequence of the removal of the government of the United States to the City of Washington.	
For his expenses from Philadelphia to Georgetown for the purpose of making arrangements for the removal of himself and family.....	60.
For expense of packing up	
804 feet board	9.89
20 lbs. Nails	2.10
22 lbs. ditto	3.22
1328 feet boards	25.06
John Hall, himself and hands in making boxes....	32.86
boards	3.08
Nails	9.08
Twine, cords and brandy to the men.....	9.
Packing looking glasses, china and furniture in Philadelphia	24.
Porterage, and sundry expenses, do.....	20.
ditto do in Geotn.....	20.
Unpacking furniture at Georgetown and expenses..	12.50
For the hire of two carriages for the conveyance of myself, Mrs. Nourse, children and servants..	150.
For the expenses of myself and family on the road, including 3 white servants and 2 black servants...	100.
Paid Barrett & Shoemaker, as per their receipts for the premium of insurance on my furniture shipped at Philadelphia on board the schooner Experiment as per invoice and policy, 4000 dollars at 2 per cent.	80.
Paid Thomas Cuthbert rent in Philadelphia at 300 dollars per annum, from 1st April 1800, my rent commencing on the same day at Georgetown.....	60.80
My extra expenses in Philadelphia after quitting my house, including servants and horses, from Friday to Tuesday, deducting my common expenses.....	40.
My extra expenses in Georgetown, including myself and horses at a tavern and other expenses previous to fixing my family	17.50
From the breakage of glass and china ware, injury sustained by my furniture, loss of sundry articles in removing from my house in Philadelphia to the	

vessel, and from the vessel at Georgetown wharf to my house, I am at a loss to fix the compensation therefor, but taking the aggregate value of the whole at 4000 dollars, I charge 3 per cent for said damages and losses	120.
Dollars	799.69
JOSEPH NOURSE.	
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Dr <i>The United States</i> <i>To Samuel A. Otis.</i>	
For expenses of removal, himself and family, &c. from Philadelphia to the City of Washington. 1800	
Nov. 8, To Oliver, laborer per bill 1.....	8.
Fielding, packing do 2,.....	74.10
Maxwell do 3,.....	6.
Tenant, do 4,.....	2.50
R. Taylor, do 5,.....	12.
Abbott, do 6,.....	6.37
Boyer, do 7,.....	61.90
Coles, do 8,.....	21.99
Insurance against seas, 9,.....	62.
Anthony, storage, 10,.....	10.
Travelling expenses for myself and family.....	205.62
19 days dead rent, Philadelphia, loss on sale of sundry articles too bulky for removal and breakage of furniture removed	335.
A. Casely, passage, (domestic of S. A. O.) 14	12.26
Joseph Dougherty, labor 15	15.
Pontius D. Still, bill 16	9.57
James Mathers, expense of one of my servant girls passage, (domestic of S. A. O.) 17	14.
Errors excepted	\$849.31
City of Washington October 8th, 1800. (Signed) SAMUEL A. OTIS.	
Note.—Should any small bills be omitted, Mr. Otis reserves liberty to exhibit them in a future account. In the original, the expenses of his clerks and messengers were introduced, these being deducted, leaves the foregoing items and amount.	

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(Copy)		
<i>The United States</i>		
<i>To Jonathan W. Condry,</i>		
<i>Clerk of the Ho. of Reps.</i> Dr.		
For his expenses incurred in consequence of the removal of the seat of government from Philadelphia to the City of Washington		100.
Washington,		
November 17th, 1800.		
(Signed) JONATHAN W. CONDY.		
(g 11)		
Dr. <i>The United States,</i>		
<i>To William Simmons, Acct. Dept. of War.</i>		
For expenses incurred by the removal of himself and family, from Philadelphia to the City of Washington, viz:—		
Expense of himself from Philadelphia to the City of Washington, and while there for the purpose of looking for a house, for the accommodation of his family, and which at that time he did not succeed..		65.
Expenses of packing boxes, wrappers, &c. for the purpose of securing his furniture		70.
Of packing, &c, and carting the same to the vessel at Philadelphia		30.
Of himself and family living in Philadelphia, after the furniture was packed up and unable to keep house		30.
On the road from Philadelphia to Georgetown, 11 in number		80.
Of two carriages for the conveyance of his family and part of his baggage		120.
In Georgetown, before his furniture had arrived that he could get into the house that was hired for his accommodation		70.
For Transportation from Georgetown to his house in the City of Washington, near the Eastern Branch, upwards of three miles		30.
For actual loss on furniture in Philadelphia in disposing of a number of articles not convenient to move		50.
For a large looking glass, several pictures, a quantity of china and a large dining table broke, and		

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damage done to sundry other articles of furniture in moving them up from the Eastern Branch.....	84.
For two months dead rent of his house in Phila- delphia, which he was obliged to loose	60.
Of freight of sundry articles by private conveyance that he could not get on board of public vessels....	28.
Dollars	717.
<p>I have not collected all the bills that I have to pay, but I am convinced that the sum of seven hun- dred and seventeen dollars is that of the necessary expenses attending the removal of myself and family from Philadelphia to the City of Washington.</p> <p>City of Washington, October 7th, 1800.</p> <p>WM. SIMMONS.</p>	
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<i>Expenses incurred by the Accountant of the Navy Department in removing the office from Philadel- phia to the City of Washington.</i>	
raid John Muke for boxes, &c. for packing papers, book cases, &c.	33.50
Paid Jonathan Jackson for repairing desks, &c. broke and injured by removing	52.51½
Paid accountants travelling expenses from Philadel- phia to Georgetown	38.50
	124.51½
WASHINGTON, August 4, 1800	